

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

July 26, 2005

Addiction to alcohol and drugs is a national problem that perpetuates poor health, harmful behaviors and economic and social burdens. According to a new national report 2.7 percent of persons 12 and older nationwide needed, but did not receive treatment for an illicit drug problem; and 7.3 percent needed but did not receive treatment for an alcohol problem. The report found that California had the largest total number of persons 12 and older who needed but did not receive treatment for an illicit drug problem. Similarly, California had the largest number of persons in need of treatment for an alcohol problem, approximately 2 million persons, which is over 11 percent of the total number nationally who needed but did not receive treatment for an alcohol problem. The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services reported binge drinking by 18 percent of underage adults and 20 percent of teens in a recent survey.

Addiction to alcohol and drugs is a chronic and relapsing disease, but treatment works. Treatment saves money, helps return people to work, reduces the burden on emergency care and decreases crime rates and incarceration costs.

On Wednesday, August 31, 2005, Behavioral Health Services Inc., will be holding

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Burke \_\_\_\_\_

Yaroslavsky \_\_\_\_\_

Knabe \_\_\_\_\_

Antonovich \_\_\_\_\_

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a recognition event in support of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Los Angeles County in September.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE, THAT, the Board of Supervisors:**

1. Waive permit fees in the amount of \$350.00 for the use of the County Mall Area on August 31, 2005, excluding the cost of liability insurance.
2. Proclaim the month of September 2005 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month throughout Los Angeles County and urges all residents to publicly recognize the importance and effectiveness of treatment in recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs.

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